

The Lord's Day, December 2, 2018



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.

We encourage parents to involve children as soon as possible in the worship service. In consideration of other worshippers, we request parents with children not yet ready for unobtrusive participation in worship to utilize the nursery or, if necessary, the cry room. A nursery is available for children ages 3 months to 3 years during all Sunday morning activities.

* Indicates congregational standing

We ApproAch the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 89 expresses faith in the midst of a difficult time for the people of God by bringing a complaint before the LORD and asking him to deliver his people in line with his promises to David.

At the beginning of Advent we, too, take up these words and join them with the cry of the New Testament church, "Maranatha! Lord, come quickly!"

Psalm 89:46-52 ESV

46 How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever?

How long will your wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is!

For what vanity you have created all the children of man!

48 What man can live and never see death?

Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah

49 Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,

which by your faithfulness you swore to David?

50 Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked,

and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations,

51 with which your enemies mock, O LORD,

with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD forever!

Amen and Amen.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Like our call to worship, this opening hymn expresses faith and praise by calling for God's messiah to come and deliver his people, so that all rejoice in their salvation.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Trinity Hymnal #194)

We AcknoWLedge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

As Moses warned the second generation, so Joshua warns those now settled in the land: remain faithful to the LORD. Too often we lightly dismiss this warning, for overt idolatry seems far from us; yet, can we say that we cling to and serve the LORD with all of our heart and all of our soul?

Joshua 22:5 ESV

Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Silent Confession of Sin Corporate Confession of Sin

Together we confess our sins and ask that God would grant us help to walk in holiness, as he has promised.

Corporate Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws,

we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent,

according to thy promises declared unto mankind

in Christ Jesus our Lord;

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

We rejoice in the AssurAnce of forgiveness

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The north and south poles are a fixed distance from one another, but if one began traveling east or west that journey could continue indefinitely. God does not remove our sins a short distance and then keep them at hand for later!

Psalm 103:8-14 FSV

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide,

nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,

so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

14 For he knows our frame;

he remembers that we are dust.

* Hymn of Assurance

As we reflect on Advent we should also consider the depth of love expressed in the incarnation of God the Son—done on our behalf.

"Thou Who Wast Rich" (Trinity Hymnal #230)

We pray for each Other

Prayers of Intercession

The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals. We will conclude with the Lord's Prayer (thou/trespasses).

We hear inStruction from the Lord

Sermon

"A Shoot from the Stump of Jesse" (Tony Pyles)

* Isaiah II ESV

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of lesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. 11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. 12 He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13 The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. 14 But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab,

and the Ammonites shall obey them. 15 And the Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals. 16 And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

We Commune With Our Lord

Communion Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed (as given in Trinity Hymnal p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Distribution of Elements

Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer wine and encourage those who take part in Communion to take this. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer the option of grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles of the trays.

"Forever" Psalm 89:46-52, I

- I. 46 How much longer LORD forever? Will you hide away?
 How long will your wrath like fire! -Continue to blaze?
 47 Remember me! What is my life?
 Did you create all men in vain?
 48 What man can live and not see death,
 Save his soul from the grave?
 46a How much longer LORD?
- 49 Where is your love, Lord from ancient Which you had sworn?
 In your faithfulness to David 50 Remember, O Lord!
 How your servants, they are mocked, And my heart by nations crushed.
 51 Your enemies mock, Lord, they mock the steps, Of your Anointed One.
 49a Where is your love, Lord?

3. 52 Blessed be the LORD - forever! Amen and amen!
52 Blessed be the LORD - forever! Amen! Amen!
1 Forever I will sing YOUR love!
From age to age again
My mouth will tell your faithfulness.
52b Amen and amen!

52a Blessed be the LORD!

4. 46a How much longer LORD?

49a Where is your love, Lord?

52a Blessed be the LORD!

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Instruction about Baptism

Questions to Parents and Congregation

Sacrament of Baptism
Sophia Violeta Henkel

Prayer

We respond to the grace of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Part of acceptable worship involves offering to God some of "the things that are shaken," as part of our receiving "the things that cannot."

Hebrews 12:26-28 ESV

²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

Presentation of Offerings

"Once In Royal David's City" (Trinity Hymnal #?)

* Doxology (Trinity Hymnal #731)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

This closing hymn of longing joins the spirit of Advent with an expectation of Christ's return.

* "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (Trinity Hymnal #196)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

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"A Shoot from the Stump of Jesse" (Tony Pyles)
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